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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Airfield of PILSEN

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EVALUATION

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REMARKS Partial answer to Letter

dated 23 August 1949

SOURCE

1. The PILSEN (N 50/L 04) airfield is located southwest of the town, on the banks of the Radbuza River. Two large blocks of barracks are located at the northern edge of the field. Hangars and, behind them, other quartering buildings are located on the southern border. The landing field has a reinforced runway. An isolated building with antenna masts is located on the northern part of the airfield.

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2. Two aircraft took off at one hour intervals between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. One of the planes, which circled the field once, was a twin-engine aircraft with suspended engines. Two aircraft, (by the noise of the engines, twin-engine planes) landed.

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3. a. The following flying activities were observed at the field:

9.35 a.m.: one single-engine monoplane took off. Engine projecting far beyond leading edge of wing; the landing gear was retractable; tail skid; green camouflage paint; the front section of the engine was painted red.

9.50 a.m.: another plane of the same type took off. The front section of the engine of this plane was not painted red.

10.40 a.m.) Landing of one aircraft each of the same type. Front
12.20 a.m.) sections of both engines painted red.

11.45 a.m.: One aircraft landed. It was equipped with two in-line engines which projected slightly beyond the trailing edge of the wings. Front section of cabin slightly forward of leading edge of wings; green camouflage paint, otherwise no marking.

b. Eighteen aircraft, eight of the same type as that which landed at 11.45 a.m., were counted at the field. Still more aircraft were possibly stationed at the field which could be only partly observed. All the taking-off and landing aircraft

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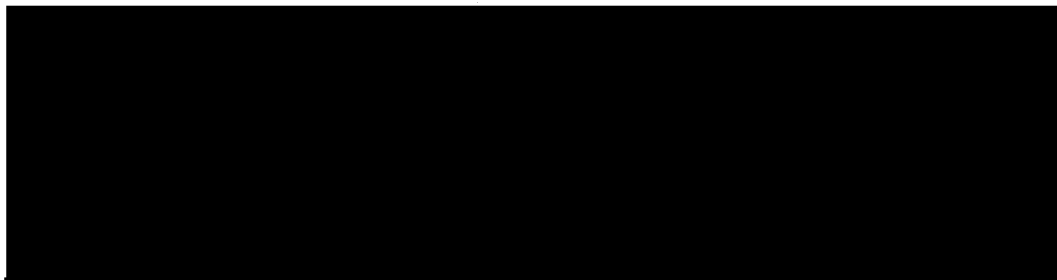
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headed north-northeast, or approached from there.

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Comment:

a. The reported location and the condition of the PLSEB airfield are correct. Since the presence of an air unit equipped with twin-engine aircraft has not been reported, the correctness of the data on the occupation of the PLSEB airfield cannot be rated. According to available information the 4th Str Det is stationed at the field.

b. No conclusions as to the types of aircraft can be drawn from the descriptions of the observed planes.

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